

February 8, 2022
MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The MILLERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, in the Millersville Borough Public Meeting Room located at 100 Municipal Drive, Millersville, Pennsylvania.

President Hauck called the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was then observed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Lauren E. Hauck
Lynn M. Miller
Linda L. Bellile
Christopher Hubbs

David T. Aichele, Mayor
Brooke G. Magni
Mary Ann Gerber
Darlene C. Eager

OTHERS PRESENT

John D. Rochat, Borough Manager & Millersville Borough Chief of Police
Sue McCullough, Millersville Borough Receptionist
Andrew Geer, Millersville University Student Representative
W. David Sykes, 344 Valley Road, Millersville
Dorothy Imel, 1902 Blue Ridge Drive, Lancaster
Phil Gerber, 12 Circle Rd, Millersville
Betsy Shank, 127 Landis Ave, Millersville
Poppy the Groundhog, 127 Landis Ave, Millersville

CITIZENS' REQUESTS OR CONCERNS

None

MINUTES

None

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

Lauren Hauck reported that the LIMC (Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee) will be meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2022.

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Lynn Miller, Personnel Advisory Committee Chairwoman, addressed Council regarding the hiring of Lisa McLaughlin for the position of Finance Officer. Ms. Miller said the first interview was through a Zoom meeting and the second interview, on Friday, was an in-person

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interview with herself, Chief Rochat, Linda Bellile-Personnel Advisory Committee Member, Dottie Young- Police Department and Lisa Gochnauer-Administration Office. All of those involved in the interview process were very impressed with Ms. McLaughlin and after the second interview were all in agreement to hire. Chief Rochat said that he received a phone call from Ms. McLaughlin, just a short time ago, and there is still some negotiating to be done. This discussion will take place during Executive Session before the end of this meeting.

PUBLIC WELFARE AND PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

None

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Aichele advised Council and members of the audience of the upcoming Historic Society Meeting to be held on Saturday, February 12th, at 9:00am, here at the Borough building. The speaker will be Gregory Scott and he will be discussing the history of buildings in Millersville Borough. This should be a very interesting meeting and invited everyone to attend.

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY REPORT

Andrew Geer, Millersville University Student Representative gave the following report. Health News: COVID Update – 44 active cases on campus currently – 35 student cases and 9 employee cases. Of the 35 student cases, 12 are on-campus and 23 reside off campus. This brings our total of cases so far in 2022 to 119. Concerning as last semester we had 186 for the whole semester. The positive news is that the number of new cases this week fell significantly from the prior week. Approximately 50 people donated blood during last weeks Bleed Blue Blood Drive Challenge initiative. In 2019, MUPD won the challenge. In 2020 and 2021 MUPD was not able to participate due to COVID restrictions. The Bleed Blue Blood Drive Challenge is an annual drive hosted by Strasburg as well as Millersville Borough Police Department's the drive is held both at LGH as well as on Millersville's campus. Academic News: Thanks to a team of faculty members from Millersville University, the University received a \$1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation. The award, Supporting Student Success: aims to recruit, retain and graduate more academically talented students with financial needs in STEM disciplines. Millersville was notified in the fall that the NSF had selected the University as an S-STEM site. As a public university Millersville continues to support and nurture the STEM workforce as well as Lancaster as a whole. This grant allows us to continue these efforts. over the weekend, some of our meteorology students headed to New Jersey to launch weather balloons as a part of research funded by the grant they recently received from NASA. As you all are aware the Millersville University Meteorology program is one of the top 5 programs in the nation. As well as supporting agencies such as PENNDOT with just-in-time information on weather emergencies. Governor's Budget - The governor's proposed budget recommends a historic investment in the PASSHE

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system and for Millersville University. Governor Wolf's budget includes a \$75M increase in our base budget for the system, much needed investment after years of relatively flat or declining support. We are grateful to the governor for proposing this budget and look forward to future conversations with him and the General Assembly about what this investment would mean for our students and our institutions. Millersville's University's Color of Teaching Mentoring Program is getting statewide recognition, thanks to the newly released PA Educator Diversity Consortium's Diversifying the Teacher Pipeline Toolkit. The Color of Teaching Mentoring Program is a student-run organization. The program trains Millersville students as mentors and pairs them with local 7th-12th grade students from the School District of Lancaster as well as other surrounding districts. Millersville continues to lead the Commonwealth in the production of new teachers and has a strong emphasis on diversifying the teacher pool. On February 16th Millersville University will be hosting its annual Disability Film Festival. Being screened at the event will be the film The Wisdom of Trauma centered around understanding connections between illness addiction and trauma within our society. The event is open to all and begins at 5:30pm in Myers Auditorium in McComsey Hall. Sports News: In sports news the Men's Basketball team cruised to an easy victory over Kutztown 74-59. While the Millersville women's basketball earned its third conference victory in its last five games, beating East Stroudsburg 49-43 on the road Monday night. With the Winter Olympics in full swing, Dr. Marc Felizzi, an associate professor of social work at Millersville University, was recently selected to serve as a mental health provider for the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee. In his role, he will be referred to U.S. Olympic athletes who may need mental health assistance or therapy. The pandemic seems to have exacerbated problems for many. Athletes are not immune and from Olympic gymnasts choosing not to compete to pro football players walking off the field, we've all had a front-row seat to mental health issues. Millersville men's basketball's 10-game winning streak has caught the attention of the poll voters, and on Monday, the Marauders jumped to No. 6 in the Atlantic Region Poll. Millersville is now 19-4 and coming off key wins over Shippensburg and East Stroudsburg last week. The Marauders were No. 10 in the previous poll, and the No. 6 ranking is their highest of the season

PENN MANOR REPORT

None

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT- After Executive Session

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hauk thanked Lynn Miller, the Personnel Advisory Committee, and all those who worked on the hiring of the new Finance Officer.

President Hauck stated she and Mayor Aichelle attended the Millersville Business Association Meeting last week and stressed the importance of the Steering Committee Meetings and circulated the survey.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Gerber, to move into Executive Session to discuss the hiring of Lisa McLaughlin as Finance Officer. President Hauck asked the Mayor and Borough Manager to remain for the executive session.

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Ms. Bellile and seconded by Mrs. Gerber, to reconvene the Borough Council Meeting at 7:35 PM.

Coming out of Executive Session, Mrs. Gerber made a motion to allow the Borough Manager to renegotiate salary and benefits to hire Lisa McLaughlin effective February 9, 2022. Mr. Hubbs seconded the motion. With no questions or discussions, the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

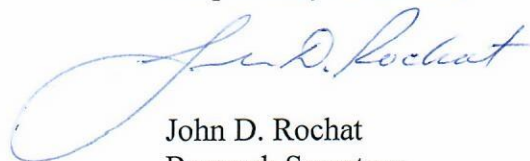
BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

Mrs. Gerber made the motion, if the candidate, Lisa McLaughlin, accepts the terms that are offered, she will become the signature on our checking account. If she does not accept the terms of the offer, than Brooke Magni will become the signature until a Finance Officer is hired. This motion was seconded by Ms. Miller and pass by an unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, Ms. Eager made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM and seconded by Ms. Bellile. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



John D. Rochat
Borough Secretary

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